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## Arizona House of Representatives

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## Rep. Tony Rivero to Introduce Bill Establishing “Arizona-Israel Commission”

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Tony Rivero (R-21) today announced he will be introducing legislation to establish the “Arizona-Israel Commission.” The Commission would be empowered to facilitate trade, promote tourism, and build a stronger bilateral relationship between Arizona and Israel.

**“Following the Legislature’s historic visit to Israel celebrating the opening of the Arizona-Israel Trade Office, I am excited to introduce legislation creating the Arizona-Israel Commission,”** said Representative Tony Rivero. **“The Arizona-Israel relationship is thriving, with over \$460 million dollars in trade annually flowing between Arizona and Israel. Creating the Arizona-Israel Commission will only bring both sides closer together, as well as help to promote Arizona as a place for Israeli companies to invest in.”**

Representative Tony Rivero will introduce the legislation to create the Commission in the upcoming 2020 Legislative Session.

The State of Arizona has taken a leading role in the increasing economic and commercial ties between the U.S. and Israel. Arizona’s leadership in bolstering direct economic ties with Israel has culminated in the Arizona Trade Office, which opened just recently in Israel. After reaching such an important landmark, establishing a commission is an important and necessary action that will create the tools that will help all parties involved to reach new heights by bringing businesses from Israel and Arizona even closer.

Eitan Weiss, Los Angeles-based Deputy Chief of Mission for the Consulate General of Israel, said the following: “I would like to thank the Governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey, for taking an important stance in bringing Arizona closer to Israel, also I would like to recognize and thank the Chairman of the International Committee of Arizona’s House of Representatives, Tony Rivero, for his leadership and undeniable support in the Israel-Arizona partnership.”

“We commend Rep. Rivero for his continued commitment to enhancing the relationship between Arizona and Israel,” Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry President and CEO Glenn

Hamer said. “Rep. Rivero led a large, bipartisan delegation of Arizona lawmakers to Israel this year, which sent a powerful message that Israel is our nation and state’s friend, ally, and trading partner. His leadership in the opening of a new Tel Aviv trade office, combined with Arizona’s model anti-BDS law, and this new effort to establish the Arizona-Israel Commission solidifies the already strong bond between Arizona and Israel.”

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